

CE-875, CE-876, CE-877

Mt. Zoar Community

C. 1860-1890

Mount Zoar is a black settlement that began in the 3rd quarter of the 19th Century along Mt. Zoar Road and just west of Route 222. Approximately one dozen structures stand both along the road and back from it in no discernable relation to one another. Located among the standard two story 2 bay by 1 room frame houses is a frame Methodist church (CE-877) and a 19th Century frame schoolhouse with projecting entrance and bell tower. (CE-876). The schoolhouse is one of the more unusual of its type in the entire county.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

PE - 877

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File # 859

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. ~~Zoar~~ Zoar A.M.E. Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mt. Zoar Road just west of Route 222

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Zoar

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mt. Zoar Methodist Episcopal

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Mt. Zoar Road

CITY, TOWN

CONOWINGO

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

___ EXCELLENT
 X GOOD
 ___ FAIR

___ DETERIORATED
 ___ RUINS
 ___ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___ UNALTERED
 X ALTERED

CHECK ONE

X ORIGINAL SITE
 ___ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The A.M.E. Methodist Church c. 1870 is the church located nearest the Mt. Zoar Black Community, and has probably been used as their church building ever since it was built. The church is also located on Mount Zoar Road a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Route 222. The church is 3 bays across by 3 bays deep. It is, however, much deeper than it is wide. The building rests on an uncoursed stone foundation but has been sheathed with aluminum siding. The front entrance is a projecting pavilion from the main block and has a small bell tower.

The sanctuary windows are 6/6 sash with plain trim. The boxed cornice is also covered with aluminum and the medium sloped roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the building does not remain with the architectural integrity of the structure but with its presence as the community church of the black settlement of Mt. Zoar and undoubtedly what the community centered around.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located in Cecil County, Maryland, and is bounded by the following:

North: The property is bounded by the Cecil County Courthouse.

South: The property is bounded by the Cecil County Courthouse.

East: The property is bounded by the Cecil County Courthouse.

West: The property is bounded by the Cecil County Courthouse.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

DATE

12/11/78

TELEPHONE

298-7568

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438





Mt. Zion Community Church

cc. ~~875~~
877

West Elevation

Mount Zion, Md.

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Mt. Zion Methodist Church CE-877

Mt. Zion, N.D.

WEST ELEVATION

P13T

9/78